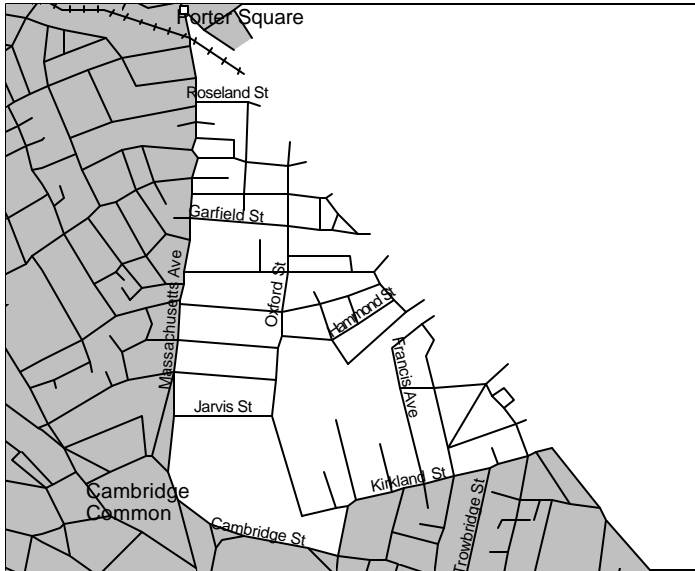
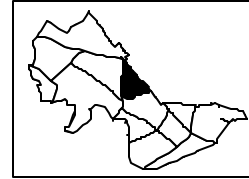


# NEIGHBORHOOD 8

## AGASSIZ



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 5,158 residents  
1,891 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$36,853

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C.

### 2002 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

The Agassiz neighborhood was hit with a series of both day and night **housebreak** patterns during the second quarter of 2002, which is the only crime that experienced a substantial change. The housebreak total for Neighborhood #8 surged from two during the first six months of 2001, up to thirty breaks between January and the end of June of 2002. Two different buildings on Oxford St. were hit a total of five times – one building was hit in early March and early May, while the second building suffered three breaks in mid-June. An apartment building on Sacramento St. also suffered more than one break when two different units were broken into in early March. In general, the number of incidents were displaced evenly between the first and second quarters of 2002. The only building to suffer more than one break during the first three months of 2002 was on Oxford St. when two different units were hit, approximately two weeks apart from each other. Suspects have been entering apartments via rear windows. In a number of the crimes access was gained via the fire escape. Laptops and electronic equipment are the main targets of these thieves. Most of the breaks are taking place during the day, when residents are out of their homes, usually at school or work. • Two of the reviewed crimes did not change in numbers, which are **street robbery** and **larceny from motor vehicles**. The lone street robbery occurred when a purse was snatched from a female victim on Bryant St. in March. No weapon was shown in this incident. • Of the fourteen reported acts of **malicious destruction**, 79% were done to cars (i.e. tire slashings, attempted thefts, broken windows, etc.). •

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2001 & 2002

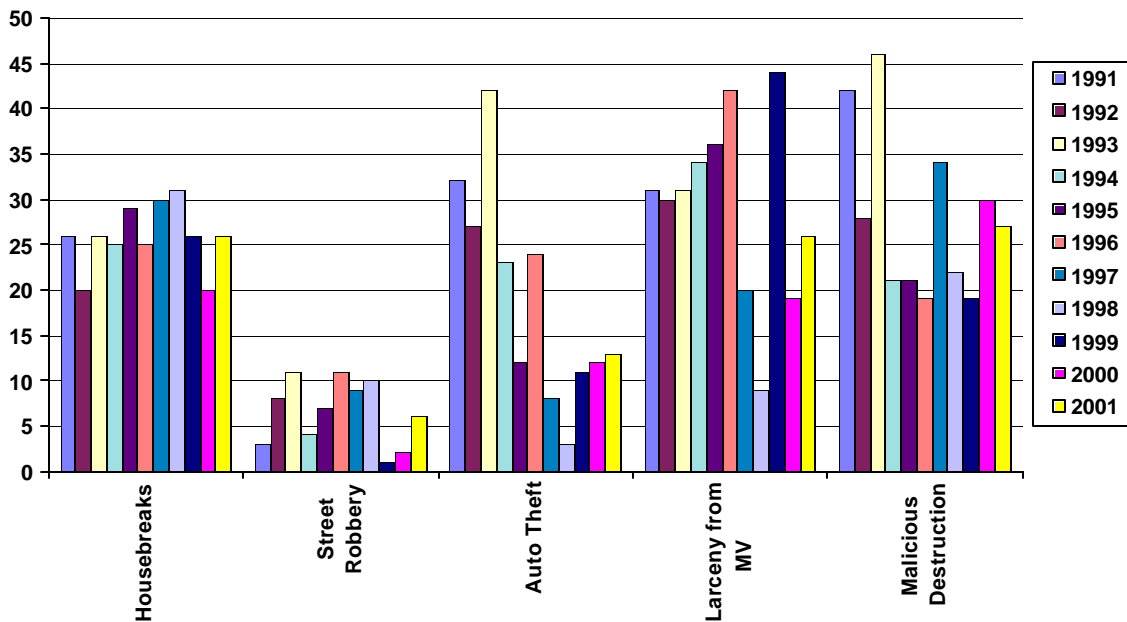
| CRIME                 | 2nd Q 2001 | 2nd Q 2002 | % CHANGE    |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Housebreaks           | 2          | 30         | <i>Inc.</i> |
| Street Robbery        | 1          | 1          | N/C         |
| Auto Theft            | 9          | 11         | + 22%       |
| Larceny from MVs      | 18         | 18         | N/C         |
| Malicious Destruction | 11         | 14         | + 27%       |
| Drug Arrests          | 0          | 1          | N/A         |

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley College. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

*Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Agassiz has a significantly lower than average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only four other neighborhoods have lower average **housebreak** and **larceny from motor vehicle** totals; only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals for **street robberies**, and Agassiz ranks as the third lowest neighborhood for **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**.
- There were no **street robberies** during this quarter in 1999, but that changed in 2000 when there was one street robbery. It occurred when the suspect demanded the victim's money and also showed a silver handgun. No one was hurt and \$60 was taken.
- The **malicious destruction** statistics reflect incidents of spray-painting at the Agassiz School.



### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ AREA TARGET CRIMES

| Crime                 | 1981-1990 | Rank 81-90* | 1991-2000 | Rank 91-00* | Rank 2001* |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Housebreaks           | 67        | 8           | 25        | 10          | 10         |
| Street Robbery        | 11        | 9           | 6         | 10          | 10         |
| Auto Theft            | 45        | 12          | 20        | 10          | 12         |
| Larceny from MVs      | 47        | 11          | 30        | 11          | 11         |
| Malicious Destruction | 45        | 11          | 29        | 10          | 10         |

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest